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### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (*Previously amended*) A method for providing nutrition to a critical care canine comprising:

administering to said canine an amount of an artificially produced canine milk substitute composition comprising, on a dry matter basis, from about 35 to 45% protein, from about 25 to 35% fat, and from about 10 to 25% carbohydrates; wherein said protein comprises casein and whey in a weight ratio of about 70:30.

2. (*Canceled*).

3. (*Previously presented*) The method of claim 1 in which said composition comprises about 38% protein.

4. (*Previously presented*) The method of claim 1 in which said composition comprises about 28% fat.

5. (*Previously presented*) The method of claim 1 in which said composition comprises about 19% carbohydrates.

6. (*Previously presented*) The method of claim 1 in which the source of fat is selected from the group consisting of corn oil, canola oil, butter oil, arachidonic acid, docosahexaenoic acid, and blends thereof.

7. (*Previously presented*) The method of claim 1 in which said composition contains fatty acids expressed as a percentage of total fatty acids on a dry matter basis, of from

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15 to 19% palmitic acid, from about 5 to 9% stearic acid, from about 34 to 38% oleic acid, from about 17 to 21% linoleic acid, from about 1 to 4%  $\alpha$ -linoleic acid, from about 0.5 to 2% arachidonic acid, from about 0.2 to 1% docosahexaenoic acid (DHA), from about 2 to 5% Omega-3 fatty acids, from about 18 to 22% Omega-6 fatty acids, and from about 1 to 4% trans fatty acids.

8. *(Currently amended)* The method of claim 1 in which said composition contains amino acids expressed as a percentage of total essential amino acids on a dry matter basis of from about 6 to 10% arginine, from about 4 to 8% histidine, from about 8 to 12% isoleucine, from about 16 to 20% leucine, from about 13 to 17% lysine, from about 2 to 7% methionine, from about 6 to 10% phenylalanine, from about 8 to 12% threonine, from about 1 to 4% tryptophan, from about 9 to 13% valine, from about 2 to 5% cystine, and from about 2 to 6% tyrosine.
9. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 1 in which said composition ~~of claim 1~~ contains from about 4 to 8% by weight lactose.
10. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 1 in which said composition contains about 0.50% by weight fructooligosaccharide.
11. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 1 in which said composition contains from about 27 to 37% by weight fatty acids.
12. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 1 in which said composition contains from about 15 to 25% by weight essential amino acids.
- 13 - 36 *(Canceled)*.